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DKS camps up the heat in Delhi

Two Naga Sadhus from Kashi blessing Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar at his Sadashivanagar residence in Bengaluru this morning.

- **Three batches in Delhi; one more to leave tomorrow as tug-of-war between CM and Deputy CM factions escalates**
- **Change of guard demand to turn into an open revolt in Congress?**
- **MLAs warn of 'identical attire' revolt in forthcoming Belagavi Session**

Bengaluru, Nov. 24 (KMS&BCT)- Amid mounting speculation over a possible change in the Karnataka Congress leadership, the demand for a power shift is fast taking the shape of an open rebellion. MLAs backing Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) continue to converge in Delhi, pressing for a change of Chief Minister.

Two batches of pro-Shivakumar MLAs are already stationed in the capital and a third batch arrived last night. The internal churn has intensified ever since speculation over a leadership change resurfaced after the Congress Government crossed the halfway mark of its five-year term on November 20.

The latest group of MLAs supporting Shivakumar includes H.C. Balakrishna (Magadi), K.M. Uday (Maddur), Nayana Motamma (Mudigere), Iqbal Hussain (Ramanagara), Sharath Bachegowda (Hosakote) and Shivaganga Basavaraj (Channagiri), party sources said.

Another batch tomorrow

Another batch (fourth) of non-Vokkaliga MLAs is scheduled to leave for Delhi tomorrow, sources added. The developments are tied to the alleged 2023 "power-sharing agreement" between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar — a topic that has returned to the political spotlight.

(See DKS CAMP on page 7)

Legendary actor Dharmendra passes away at 89

Mumbai, Nov. 24 (Agencies)- Legendary Bollywood actor Dharmendra passed away at his residence here this afternoon. He was 89. Earlier, the actor had been admitted to Breach Candy Hospital for respiratory issues where he was treated in the ICU. His treatment continued at his residence after being discharged from the hospital.

Dharmendra

He is survived by his wives Prakash Kaur and Hema Malini and children Sunny Deol, Bobby Deol, Esha Deol, Ahana Deol, Vijeta Deol and Ajeita Deol.

Regarded as the 'He-Man' of Bollywood, Dharmendra leaves behind a legacy of more than 300 movies.

The actor along with other awards, was also conferred with Padma Bhushan by Government of India in 2012.

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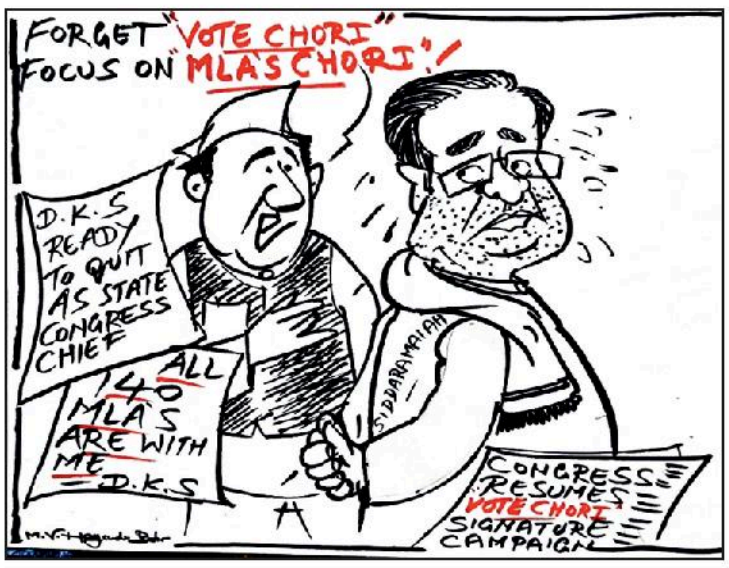
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 24th November 2025

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu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EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

POWER OF TIRUPATI PRASAD: *It is part of our sociocultural and religious leaning to make offerings in places of worship, in whatever manner that suits each of us. Based on the belief that God blesses such offerings, which are subsequently shared among devotees, these offerings or prasad are the most sought after. While Palani Panchamritam and Tirupati laddu are world famous, other offerings in famous temples have even made believers of mockers. There are numerous examples to support the same, said P. Swaminathan. Such anecdotal experiences reinforce the belief that Perumal takes care of those who repose faith in Him.*

Sir Thomas Munroe was a highly placed government official, whose job was to collect tax during the British era. As Chittoor Collector, whenever he went to the Sri Venkatachalapathy temple in Tirumala, he always made it a point to mock the devotees consuming temple prasad. Soon, he began to experience severe stomach discomfort and pain, which interfered with his normal life. No medicine could offer relief, let alone cure him. A priest from the Venkatachalapathy temple suggested he try the temple prasad and pray to Him for cure. "One should partake of the prasad only if one has faith in Him," he said.

Desperate for relief, Munroe agreed and reverentially ate the Venn Pongal brought by the priest after praying to Perumal to help Munroe. The latter found himself cured forthwith. In gratitude, he set up an endowment, whereby the entire income from Kotabayalu in Vayalpad taluk of Chittoor district was earmarked to cover the cost of Venn Pongal offering to the deity, every day. Munroe Gangalam continues to be effected to this day. — In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cockroach coffee goes viral in China

Beijing: A museum in Beijing has introduced a new coffee flavour that is definitely not for the faint-hearted. The drink has gone viral online for its bizarre ingredient list - powdered cockroaches and dried mealworms, both sprinkled and infused into an otherwise familiar cup of coffee.

Priced at 45 yuan (approximately Rs. 570), the new beverage has become a hot topic among adventurous young consumers in China. According to a report, the flavour is described as "burnt and slightly sour".

The roach-filled beverage is served at a coffee shop inside an insect-themed museum in Beijing, though the report did not disclose the museum's name. The museum cafe reportedly sells more than 10 cups of the roach coffee daily. All ingredients, including insect powders, are sourced from a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) shop to ensure safety.

Family's lost cat found after 10 years

New Jersey: A New Jersey family whose kitten escaped through an open window were reunited with their beloved pet 10 years later thanks to a microchip.

The Montclair Township Animal Shelter said on social media that a stray cat was brought in by a member of the public recently and officials scanned the feline for a microchip. The microchip identified the feline and Asa, and a call to her owners revealed she had been missing for an entire decade.

"Ten years ago, a family adopted two kittens from a shelter. Not long after, one of them slipped out through a window and disappeared. This family looked and looked and looked. They posted flyers, contacted every shelter, talked to neighbours — they did everything right," the post said.

The shelter has shared a photo from the happy reunion.

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Eye screening camp held at Canara Bank Regional Office

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (KS) - As part of Canara Bank's 120th Founder's Day, an eye screening camp was organised in association with the Canara Bank Officers' Association and the Mysore Race Club Charitable Trust at the Canara Bank Regional Office in Nazarbad recently.

A total of 43 officers underwent screening and 15 officers pledged to donate their eyes through Lions MRC Eye Retrieval Centre.

Expressing her gratitude to the Mysore Race Club Charitable Trust for taking this meaningful initiative, Divisional Manager of Mysore Region Roopashree emphasised that regular eye screening is essential for bank staff, as their work requires clear reading of letters and documents.

She appreciated the support extended by the Mysore Race Club Eye Hospital in making the camp successful. Secretary of the MRC Charitable Trust M. Rahul Dev, Canara Bank Nazarbad Branch Senior Manager Chethan and others were present.

WATER LEVEL

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Last year's level **124.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,279.77 feet**	Last year's level **2,842.73 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.27 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,278.38 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,846.09 feet**
Today's Inflow **4,004 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **346 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **56 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **4,590 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,950 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,500 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***First city bus service in India:*** *The Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Company (BEST) started India's first city bus service on July 15, 1926, with a route from Afghan Church to Crawford Market in Mumbai.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Those who cannot see, we call them blind. So what will you call, those cannot hear?*

Tintu: *Oh! we can call them anything because they cannot hear!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 89.26
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 117.00
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.30
1 Euro	= Rs. 102.94

VOICE OF THE READER

Is tax-payer money wasted on traffic cameras?

Sir,

Despite the installation of hundreds of traffic cameras across Mysuru — at signals, highways and busy junctions — traffic violations appear to be increasing day by day.

It has become common to witness triple riding, signal jumping and the use of mobile phones while driving, especially among the youths riding two-wheelers.

This raises an important question: Are these cameras actually functioning, or are the authorities being too lenient in enforcing the rules?

If violations continue unchecked despite heavy investment in surveillance infrastructure, it strongly suggests gaps in maintenance, monitoring or follow-through.

If this situation persists, Mysuru risks moving down the same path as Bengaluru, where unmanaged violations eventually snowballed into severe traffic chaos.

Mysuru still has an opportunity to prevent such an outcome — but only if corrective action is taken now.

I urge the traffic authorities concerned to ensure that all cameras are fully functional, enforcement is consistent and violators are held accountable before the situation becomes irreversible.

—Nihad

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NAAC Orientation Workshop at St. Philomena's College

Mysuru, Nov. 24 - St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, conducted a two-day Orientation Workshop on NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) preparedness for NAAC Criteria Leaders and Team Members on Nov. 18 and 19 at the College Auditorium in city.

The programme was organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) as part of the institution's Oak Jubilee Year initiatives.

The workshop was inaugurated on Nov. 18 at 9.30 am in the presence of distinguished dignitaries. The inaugural session was graced by Rev. Fr. Lourdu Prasad Joseph, Rector & Manager, who presided over the ceremony.

A. Thomas Gunaseelan, IQAC Coordinator, welcomed the gathering. Ronald Prakash Cutinha, Vice-Principal (Administration), was present.

The sessions were led by the eminent resource person Rev. Fr. Gigi Thomas, Dean of Studies, Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum, who provided insightful guidance on NAAC processes, criteria-based evaluation and strategies for institutional preparedness. His expertise enriched the participants' understanding of accreditation standards and quality benchmarks.

The workshop witnessed active participation from NAAC Criteria Leaders and Team Members of the College. Interactive discussions, practical orientations and collaborative exercises enabled participants to gain clarity on documentation, assessment procedures and quality sustenance measures.

The programme was coordinated by A. Thomas Gunaseelan, IQAC Coordinator and Dr. V. Deepa, IQAC Co-Coordinator, with meticulous planning and execution.

The workshop concluded with a renewed commitment among the faculty and staff to uphold the values of excellence, accountability and continuous improvement in higher education.

Essay, elocution contests

Mysuru, Nov.24- As part of Constitution Day, KSOU, in association with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies and Research Centre and Bengaluru's Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Training, Research and Extension Centre, has organised essay and elocution competitions at Cauvery auditorium in Mukthagangothri campus at 11 am tomorrow (Nov.25).

The topic for the essay is *'The role of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Nation building'* and that for elocution is *'The importance of the principles of Constitution in the nation's progress.'*

For details, contact Mob: 72048-19172 or 96863-14012.

Kodava author Maletira Thimmaiah passes away in New York

M.B. Thimmaiah

Mysuru, Nov. 24- Maletira B. Thimmaiah, (83) former Attorney at Law, Federal Court of America, originally from Kukloor Village, Virajapet Taluk, Kodagu, passed away at his residence in New York, the United States of America (USA), at 9.30 am (IST) yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, Chondu Chondamma (Machamada), and sons, Pavan and Ashwin, residents of New York.

Maletira B. Thimmaiah was the author of a book on Kodavas titled, *'Who are we Kodavas?'* (English) and *'Navyaaru Kodavaru?'* (Kannada).

The book was released in Mysuru on Nov. 25, 2018 and it traces the origin of Kodavas, their customs, the rich history of more than 5,000 years and how a land of such uniqueness was being systematically ravaged by invaders, modern laws and urbanisation.

A memorial service for Thimmaiah will take place on Tuesday (Nov. 25) in the late afternoon into the early evening at the Matthew Funeral Home in Staten Island, New York.

The cremation will take place on Wednesday morning (Nov. 26) at the Rosehill crematory in New Jersey.

NEWS BRIEFS

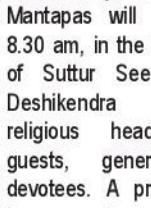
Punyaradhane of Sri Rajendra Swamiji

The 39th Punyaradhane of **Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji** will be held tomorrow (Nov. 25) at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud. As part of the event, Rudrabhisheka, Laksha Bilvarchane, Ashtothara and other special rituals will be held at Gadduge in the early morning. Bhoomi Puja of Jathra Mahotsava Mantapas will be performed at 8.30 am, in the gracious presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, other religious heads, distinguished guests, general public and devotees. A preliminary meeting in connection with the Jathra Mahotsava will be held at 10 am.

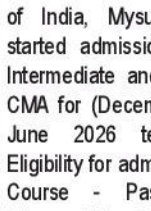
Admission to CMA Course

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Mysuru Chapter, has started admission to Foundation, Intermediate and Final Course of CMA for (December 2025 batch) June 2026 term examination. Eligibility for admission: Foundation Course - Pass in II PUC; Intermediate Course - Pass in Foundation or any Degree; Final Course - Pass in Intermediate Course of CMA. Students waiting for the degree final semester result can take the admission for Intermediate Course. Interested candidates may contact the office at No. 1420, 7th Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru, from 10 am to 12 noon and 5 pm to 7.30 pm. Last date for admission is Jan. 31, 2026. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2331083 or Mob: 97317-89222.

Ph.D awardees



S.V. Venkatesha Murthy has been awarded Ph.D in Political Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Karnatakadallina Dharmika Alpasankhyatara Kuritu Rajya Sarkarada Yojanegalu: 2013 rinda 2023 ravarege Ondu Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.G. Hanumantharaju.



D.R. Koushik has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Goods and Services Tax Implications on the Hotel Industry with Special Reference to Bengaluru Rural and Urban Districts' [Guide: Dr. S. Gopikrishna].

No selfie stunts

Solar CCTV cameras to curb risky behaviour on Bandipur Highways

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (MTY&BCT)- The Forest Department has installed solar-powered CCTV cameras along Highways cutting through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve to prevent motorists from stopping and misbehaving near wild animals.

The initiative aims to curb reckless behaviour, discipline violators and enhance safety within the Tiger Reserve.

The Ooty National Highway (NH-67) and the Wayanad National Highway (NH-766/212) pass through Bandipur, carrying thousands of vehicles daily between 6 am and 9 pm. Tourists frequently halt near elephants to take selfies, putting themselves at grave risk.

Just last month, a man from Nanjangud narrowly escaped a tusker attack after attempting such risky behaviour. The video went viral, leading to a fine by the authorities.

To prevent such incidents, Forest officials have identified locations where vehicles commonly stop and installed four solar-powered CCTV units. Mounted on trees and roadside signposts, the cameras capture high-resolution images and videos, clearly recording vehicle registration numbers and driver details.

Motorists who stop illegally, tease animals or feed wildlife will now be identified and fined without hesitation. The solar-powered units, which require no external power supply, are durable and equipped with 256 GB microchips. Footage is reviewed daily by Forest staff.

Since their installation, motorists have become noticeably more cautious, resulting in a steep decline in violations. Regular patrols by Forest Department staff have further discouraged mischief. Officials say unruly behaviour on these stretches has dropped significantly over the past month.

Plans are underway to develop software enabling real-time monitoring of footage from the solar CCTV network — a system expected to strengthen enforcement and fully curb dangerous behaviour on forest Highways.

"The solar CCTV system has become a boon for the Forest Department. It helps us monitor and penalise offenders effectively, ensuring the safety of both wildlife and travellers," said S. Prabhakaran, Director of Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Hoteliers' plea to restart safaris

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (BCT)- Bandipur and Nagarahole — two of South India's premier wildlife sanctuaries and renowned tiger reserves — remain among the most sought-after destinations for tourists from across India and abroad. Every day, thousands of visitors arrive to experience forests and take part in safari rides.

With safari operations currently suspended, Mysuru District Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda has urged the State Government to intervene immediately and restart services, warning that the halt has triggered widespread economic distress.

The suspension has left countless tourists disappointed. For visitors to Mysuru, Bandipur and Nagarahole are considered must-see attractions, alongside the Palace, Zoo and Chamundi Hill. These destinations not only showcase the region's rich wildlife heritage but also serve as critical drivers of the local economy, he noted.

The livelihoods of thousands of families depend directly on safari-related activity. When safaris stop, they lose their primary source of income. The region's tourism sector has seen investments worth crores of rupees, with hotels and resorts established specifically to cater to safari-bound travellers.

Many hoteliers, who have taken substantial bank loans to set up and maintain their resorts, are now facing severe financial pressure as bookings are cancelled. Travel agents, vehicle drivers and licensed tourist guides are also bearing the brunt, creating a ripple effect across the entire tourism ecosystem, he said.

He pointed out that safaris have long been conducted with all necessary precautions and that no accidents have been reported thus far.

If required, he said, a fresh Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) can be introduced to strengthen safety protocols while ensuring that safari operations continue without disruption.

Flyover debate heats up as MGP activists meet MP Yaduveer

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (TRR)- Activists of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) met Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and urged him to review the necessity of constructing flyovers in Mysuru city.

The MGP delegation — comprising Founder Bhamy V. Shenoy, Convenor Maj. Gen. (retd.) S.G. Vombatkere, D.V. Dayananda Sagar and members Suman Shenoy and Nagabhushan — discussed with the MP the pros and cons of building flyovers in the heart of the city at the cost of existing greenery.

They highlighted the adverse environmental and urban-impact consequences of the proposed flyover project and appealed to the MP to convene a meeting of engineers and Highway experts, seek citizen feedback and arrive at an informed decision.

The MGP delegation, led by its Founder Bhamy V. Shenoy, met Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar (centre) and urged him to review the necessity of constructing flyovers in Mysuru city.

Responding to their appeal, MP Yaduveer assured them that he would convene such a meeting and appreciated the concern expressed by MGP activists.

Kukkarahalli Lake

A separate delegation of MGP met M.K. Savitha, Registrar of the University of Mysore (UoM), urging her to take immediate steps to preserve Kukkarahalli Lake and clear encroachments along the Poornaiah Canal.

The delegation, led by Founder Bhamy V. Shenoy, apprised the Registrar of the current condition of the lake and stressed that removing encroachments on Poornaiah Canal was essential to ensure its long-term stability.

They appealed to her to write to the concerned departments to clear the encroachments before the rainy season, so that the quality of water flowing into the lake improves.

MGP submitted a detailed report to the Registrar, with copies marked to the DC, UoM Vice-Chancellor and other officials.

Registrar Savitha assured the delegation that she would soon convene a meeting of concerned officials to discuss the issue and prepare a plan of action.

"We have ordered a new boat for Kukkarahalli Lake and will soon resume boating. University staff have been deputed to ensure cleanliness and we will also take up toilet repairs at the lake," she said.

Women Cops on Wheels

246 Women Constables trained to ride bikes at Police Training School, ready for independent policing

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (AG&BCT)- In a significant step towards empowering Women Police Officers, 246 women Constables have completed the two-wheeler training programme at the Police Training School (PTS), Jyothinagar, boosting their mobility, efficiency and self-reliance.

Between March 2025 and Oct. 31, a total of 246 Constables passed out of PTS after undergoing a seven-month training and have now been posted across various Units in the State.

Along with regular constabulary training, the recruits have also been trained to ride both geared and gearless two-wheelers. Initially, 258 candidates had enrolled, but 12 exited the programme after securing other jobs.

The training has been structured to ensure that every recruit, irrespective of prior riding experience, gains complete confidence. Trainees unfamiliar with motorcycles begin with gearless vehicles, while those with prior experience transition to geared motorcycles — enabling women personnel to act independently during emergencies without depending on male colleagues.

The two-wheeler training initiative is the brainchild of Additional Director General of Police (ADGP-Training) Alok Kumar.

Structured training skill

"We structured the programme to ensure that every recruit, regardless of their background, gains confidence in riding. Those who are new to motorcycles start with gearless bikes, while experienced riders shift to geared motorcycles," said M.S. Geetha, Principal, Women Police Training School.

Inspector Mahesh of PTS said that all trainees are now skilled riders and possess valid Driving Licences. "We were allotted 20 bikes for training, but with 246 trainees, the number was inadequate. We therefore procured additional bikes from the Mysuru City and District Units," he said.

"Before practical training, we conducted exhaustive theory sessions on traffic rules. Those who already knew how to ride gearless vehicles were trained first. Eventually, all 246 became proficient. We then applied for Learner's Licences for them and later secured their Driving Licences (DLs)as per procedure," he added.

Typically, an ASI-level officer in each Police Station is allotted a motorcycle, along with additional bikes for station use. Now, with women Constables trained and certified, they can independently respond to crimes or emergencies without relying on male officers. They can also take up regular patrolling duties with confidence.

Why motorcycle training matters

Motorcycle riding is no longer just an additional skill — it is a policing necessity. Earlier, women officers had to depend on male colleagues for transportation during urgent investigations, causing delays and operational challenges.

This enhanced training, with a focus on both motorcycle handling and technology skills, ensures that women officers can respond swiftly to crime scenes, conduct independent patrols and manage shift duties without logistical hurdles.

Justice Surya Kant takes oath as 53rd CJI

New Delhi, Nov. 24 (Agencies)- Justice Surya Kant took oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of India (CJI) this morning. He succeeds Justice B.R. Gavai, who retired yesterday.

President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath to Justice Kant at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Justice Kant was appointed as the next CJI on Oct. 30 and will remain in the post for nearly 15 months. He will demit office on Feb. 9, 2027 on attaining the age of 65 years. Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi were among the senior leaders who attended the ceremony.

Born on Feb.10, 1962 at Hisar (Haryana) in a middle class family, Justice Surya Kant graduated from Government Post Graduate College, Hisar in 1981. After completing his Bachelor's Degree in Law in 1984 from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak he started practicing at the District Court, Hisar in 1984.

Justice Surya Kant

Later, Justice Kant shifted to Chandigarh in 1985 to practice in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Specialised in Constitutional, Service and Civil matters, he represented a number of Universities, Boards, Corporations, Banks and also the High Court itself. Justice Kant earned distinction of being appointed the youngest Advocate General of Haryana on July 7, 2000. Designated as Senior Advocate in March, 2001, he held the office of Advocate General, Haryana till his elevation as a permanent Judge to the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Jan. 9, 2004. He was nominated as a Member of the Governing Body of National Legal Services Authority on Feb. 23, 2007 for two consecutive terms till Feb. 22, 2011.

Presently, he is a member of various Committees of Indian Law Institute — a deemed University under the aegis of Supreme Court of India. Justice Kant earned another distinction of standing First Class First in his Master's degree in Law in 2011 from the Directorate of Distance Education, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. He has also organised and attended various prestigious National and International Conferences. He assumed charge of the office of the Chief Justice of High Court of Himachal Pradesh from Oct. 5, 2018 and was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India on May 24, 2019. He is also the Chairman of Supreme Court Legal Services Committee from Nov. 12, 2024.

Subramanya Shashti Jathra at Siddalingapura on Nov. 26

Traffic diversion on Mysuru-Bengaluru service road from tomorrow night

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (MTY&DM)- The annual Shashti Jathra of the famed Sri Subramaneshwaraswamy Temple at Siddalingapura on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road will be held on Nov. 26.

Traffic towards Bengaluru on the service road will be closed from the intervening night of Nov. 25-26 and will remain restricted until late night on Nov. 26.

On Nov. 26, rituals will begin as early as 1.30 am under the guidance of priest M.V. Subrahmanya, including Rudrabhisheka, Sahasranamarchane, Ashtavadhana and other traditional offerings.

The highlight of the celebration will be the adornment of the deity with a six-foot silver Naga ornament, featuring seven serpent heads, fourteen ruby-red eyes and seven emerald tongues.

The ornament, gifted by Jayachamaraja Wadiyar in the name of his son Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, is preserved in the Mysore Palace and brought out only for the Shashti Jathra. After the rituals, the temple will open for darshan from 4 am to 10 pm.

Adding grandeur to the festivities, the Rathotsava (chariot procession) will be held around noon, proceeding from the temple premises to Siddalingapura, drawing thousands of devotees. There will be both free Dharmadarshana and ticketed entry on Nov. 26.

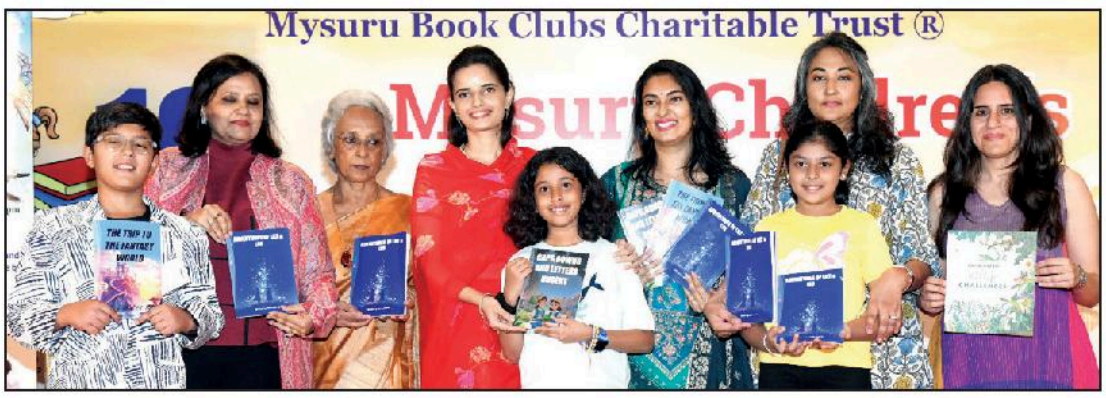
With a large crowd expected, the Police have announced traffic restrictions on Mysuru-Bengaluru service road adjoining the Highway, which passes directly in front of the temple.

Barricades are being installed under the supervision of Tahsildar Mahesh Kumar to ensure the smooth movement of devotees. Authorities have also arranged separate queues — one for general darshan and another for ticket holders — to ensure orderly and hassle-free entry throughout the day.

Mysuru Children's Literature Festival inspires young minds

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (VVH&BCT)- Listening to stories itself is a thrilling experience. In these fast-paced times, the practice of narrating stories to children is highly commendable, observed member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family, Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar.

She was speaking after inaugurating the 10th edition of the Mysuru Children's Literature Festival 2025, organised last evening at Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar. It was organised by the Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust.



Erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Member Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar (fourth from left) is seen releasing children's short books — 'Adventure of Lilly and Leo', 'The Trip to the Fantasy World', 'Cap, Gown and Letters Unsent' and 'The Book of Wild Challengers' — during the Mysuru Children's Literature Festival at Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar, Mysuru, yesterday, as Mysuru Literature Festival Founder and Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs, Secretary Thankam Panakal, Rupika Vikram Muthanna, Jyothsna Irani, Chandni Chhabra and child authors look on.

Children participating in the Mysuru Children's Literature Festival at JCAC last evening.

Trishikha Wadiyar emphasised that cultivating literary interest among children is essential and such literary festivals must be held more frequently. Mysuru is a place that encourages literature in everyone. If children grow up in such an environment, their future will be excellent, she added.

In her address, Rupika Vikram Muthanna remarked that although technology today provides information at our fingertips, the joy of reading books cannot be found anywhere else.

"The excitement of reading a book lies in the curiosity to know what the next line holds. Children of this generation must develop the habit of reading from their formative years. Reading books should not remain limited to academics but should pave the way for personality development," she advised.

On the occasion, children's short books such as 'Adventure of Lilly and Leo' by Aditi Aditya, 'The Trip to the Fantasy World' by Ronish Bathija, 'Cap, Gown and Letters Unsent' by Aakruthi Sharath and 'The Book of Wild Challengers' by Chandni Chhabra were released by Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar.

The festival saw participation from over 100 children aged between 3 and 15 years. A story-telling session was organised for children, highlighting how listening to stories alongside formal education helps them imbibe moral and human values.

Children recited shlokas, anchored the proceedings and took part in a lively activity titled 'Show Us Your Festive Face,' where they drew their own faces on a wall. The festival also created space for intellectually challenged students from Mythri Charitable Trust to showcase their creativity through hand-made pouches and other crafts. In addition, it provided a platform for artists such as Harshitha Shetty, who introduced participants to the intricate techniques of dot mandala art and resin art.

The event also featured engaging activities such as story-telling by Greystroke - Haha Tales from Here & There and Aparna Kapur - An Absence of Squirrels.

In addition, Stories of Wit & Wisdom by Hema Malini Devi, Go Wild by Chandini Chhabra and Gajaa MaJaa by Ashok Rajagopalan captivated the audience.

Later, the Rangaputtalli puppet show was held and Phaneesh displayed robotics, enthralling the children.

Mysuru Literature Festival Founder & Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs & Secretary Thankam Panakal were present.

Play-and-learn stalls delight children

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (VVH&BCT)- The play-and-learn stalls set up at the 10th edition of the Mysuru Children's Literature Festival 2025 proved to be a major attraction for children and parents alike.

Traditional indoor games under the banner 'Roll the Dice' drew enthusiastic crowds, with families purchasing sets of chaukabara, ali-guli mane, pagade, goat & tiger, chess and other classic games.

Adding to the festive atmosphere were vibrant handicraft displays featuring flower and clay creations, lacquered key chains, pendants and photo frames.

A wide selection of children's books — ranging from moral tales and short stories to humour and science-themed narratives — were also showcased and sold, capturing the imagination of young readers.

Hi Life brings finest fashion to city

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (GA)- The much-awaited Hi Life Exhibition, one of India's premier fashion showcases, will be held on Nov. 25 and 26 at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in city from 10 am to 9 pm.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning, Hi Life Brides Co-organiser Shomika S. Rao and Event Co-ordinator S. Srikanth said, the 2-day event will present some of the finest fashion, style, decor and luxury accessories from across the country.

The expo will feature exclusive collections of lehengas, sarees, designer gowns and a wide range of exquisite handcrafted jewellery, bringing together the very best of Indian fashion under one roof.

Hi Life Brides Co-organiser Shomika S. Rao and Event Co-ordinator S. Srikanth displaying the flyer of Hi Life Expo at the press meet in city this morning.

Shomika said that the Hi Life Expo has always stood as a platform where tradition meets modernity, offering visitors a unique mix of classic craftsmanship and contemporary designs.

"We have worked hard to curate a high-end collection that reflects the grace, elegance and essence of Mysuru. Mysuru has a rich cultural heritage and we are proud to bring an event that celebrates that spirit," she said.

Srikanth said that the Hi Life Fashion Expo is known for showcasing cutting-edge designs, global trends and innovative fashion concepts from both established and emerging designers across India.

"The exhibition is more than a display of luxury fashion; it represents a movement towards sustainability, inclusivity and cultural diversity. It is a forward-thinking hub that aligns with the evolving future of Indian fashion," he said.

MP Tejasvi Surya couple visits Chamundi Hill temple

Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya and his wife Sivasri Skandaprasad, who is also a renowned Karnatak classical singer, visited Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru yesterday and sought the blessings of the Goddess. The MP and his wife were greeted by hundreds of devotees present at the spiritual abode.

Technology without ethics is dangerous: Union Minister

Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram centenary

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (BLU&DM)- Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said that while the world is witnessing rapid technological advancement, with Artificial Intelligence (AI) becoming the new mantra, it is crucial to uphold ethics in the use and adaptation of emerging technologies.

He was speaking as the Chief Guest at the 'Samarpana Samavesha' — a symbolic offering of 100 years of service to Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna — on the concluding day of the four-day centenary celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram at the Vivekananda Auditorium in Yadavagiri this morning.

Spiritual heritage centre of Karnataka

"Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram has been shaping future generations by blending spiritual values with education. The Ashram has played a remarkable role in building leadership qualities in students from their teenage years," Shekhawat said

Beyond advocating spirituality, morality and ethics for a life rooted in purpose, service and selflessness, the Ashram has supported thousands of students with scholarships and other facilities over its 100 years of dedicated service. It is apt to call the Ashram a Spiritual Heritage Centre of Karnataka," he noted.

Reiterating that the Ashram acts as a bridge to spiritualism, the Minister stressed that technology without ethics is dangerous for society. He wished the Ashram, known for its tireless service, continued growth and greater achievements in the years ahead. Guest of honour and former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that Swami Vivekananda was an extraordinary personality who offered profound answers to complex questions on life and spirituality.

Noting that Swami Vivekananda had attained vast knowledge at a very young age, he said the Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram follows Swamiji's ideals by imparting value-based education through Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala while nurturing spiritual insight among students. The Ashram, he added, has produced many top leaders and entrepreneurs of the country.

Sri Gautamanandaji, President of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt, Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji and several others were present.

Rebel CM or compromise CM?

Siddaramaiah must clarify whether he is a rebel Chief Minister or a compromise Chief Minister, with D.K. Shivakumar openly challenging his position. It is unfortunate that despite winning 136 seats, the Congress has neglected Karnataka's development and has been squabbling over the CM's chair from the very first day it came to power. The party high command takes decisions based on money, favouring whoever pays the highest amount."

— Former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in Mysuru this morning

Union Minister Shekhawat visits Viveka Memorial

PM Modi to be invited for inauguration

Mysuru, Nov.24 (BLU&DM)- Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat visited the Viveka Memorial (Viveka Smaraka), which is taking shape at Niranjan Mutt on Narayana Shastri Road (N.S. Road) in the heart of the city.

Accompanied by engineers, the Minister inspected the entire Memorial structure and received briefings on how the Cultural Centre will function once completed. Site engineers Vinod Kumar, Arun Kumar, Yeshwanth, Vijaykumar, Architect Ramachandra and others were present during the inspection.

Meanwhile, Swami Muktidanandaji, President of Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram — the organisation spearheading the Viveka Memorial project — said he is confident the Memorial will be inaugurated either in December or January.

Stating that the project is in its final stages, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be invited to inaugurate the Memorial.

"We are awaiting a response from the PMO regarding a suitable date in Dec. or Jan. The inauguration date will be announced once we receive confirmation from the PMO," he added.

DKS camp ups the heat in Delhi

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According to reports, MLAs from DKS camp want the Congress leadership to provide clarity on issues concerning them. This is why they are in Delhi seeking appointments with the High Command. This is the third time in a week that MLAs aligned with DKS have reached Delhi, raising political temperature.

Kharge in Bengaluru

While the MLAs wait in Delhi, AICC President MallikarjunKharge is in Bengaluru. He was expected to return to Delhi on Sunday but has postponed his plans.

Meanwhile, Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi is expected to return from his overseas tour tonight or tomorrow, sources said.

Last week, about ten legislators supporting DKS had already travelled to Delhi to meet Kharge, coinciding with the Congress government marking 2.5 years in office. Shivakumar, however, maintained he was unaware of their visit.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who held a prolonged meeting with Kharge in Bengaluru on Saturday, is said to be pushing for a Cabinet reshuffle, while Shivakumar wants the leadership question resolved first.

Joint event today

Amid the escalating discussions, Siddaramaiah clarified in Chikkaballapura this morning that he will abide by whatever the High Command decides. "If the High Command asks me to continue, I will continue. Whatever decision is taken, we are all bound to follow it," he said.

Both Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar are scheduled to jointly attend a programme in Shidlaghatta, Chikkaballapur district today.

At Hanumanthapura, the two leaders will lay the foundation stone for a government hi-tech silk cocoon market and inaugurate the new campus building of Bengaluru North University.

MLAs warn of 'identical attire' revolt in Assembly at Belagavi

Bengaluru, Nov. 24 (KMS& BCT)- MLAs loyal to Dy. Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar are mounting pressure on the Congress High Command to replace Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and elevate Shivakumar to the top post before the Winter Session of the State Assembly in Belagavi, which begins on Dec. 8.

Pro-Shivakumar MLAs, who have been travelling to Delhi in batches, are set to send yet another group tomorrow. They have reportedly reminded the High Command of the 2023 understanding that DKS would be made Chief Minister after 2.5 years and insisted that both the party and the current CM honour the commitment.

According to sources, the MLAs have cautioned the Congress High Command that if the leadership change does not take place by Dec. 8, they will be compelled to wear identical outfits inside the Assembly to visibly mark themselves as members of the DKS camp. Such a display, they warned, would create a clear visual divide on the floor of the House.

Obituary

Puttamma

Mysuru, Nov. 24- Puttamma (74), a resident of Hinkal, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind two sons including former Taluk Panchayat Member Chandru, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Hinkal Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

Nagarathna Parthasarathy

Nagarathna Parthasarathy (77), wife of S.N. Parthasarathy and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away Nov. 22.

She was an athlete, Founding Member and two-time President of Jayalakshmipuram Mahila Mandala, who served the community for over 35 years besides uplifting women and families through her leadership and service.

She leaves behind her husband, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam.

Chinnamma

Chinnamma (Guddamma), a resident of B.M. Sri Nagar, passed away on Saturday in city. She was 70. She had served as the Hon. President of Renuka Yallamma Geleyara Balaga.

She leaves behind three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds in Bannimantap yesterday, according to family sources.

Winners - RBFC , Runners - Sunrise FC

Yuva Dasara Football Cup-2025 held in city

Mysuru, Nov. 24- RBFC, Bannimantap won the Yuva Dasara Football Cup – 2025 organised by Yuva Sports League (YSL) at ARC Sports Zone in city recently. RBFC defeated Sunrise FC 1-0 in the final to emerge as champions.

A total of 16 teams from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Mandya, K.R. Nagar and Kerala took part in the tournament.

Earlier, the tournament was inaugurated by MLA. K. Harish Gowda.

MDMAA Medal Winners feted

STANDING FROM LEFT: ***MDMAA Secretary C. Basavaraj, Vice-President M. Yogendra, Organising Secretary M.P. Chandrashekar, Vice-President K.N. Somashekar, EC Member B. Rani, Vice-President Kanthraj, EC Members Mahadevu S. Ganesh, S.S. Mahesh and B.N. Somashekar.*** SITTING FROM LEFT: ***G.G. Raghunandhan, Balarame Gowda, B.C. Parvathi, Suman Narasimhamurthy, Manjamma, Kusuma and Bharathi.***

Mysuru, Nov. 24- The Mysore District Master Athletics Association (MDMAA) felicitated Athletes, who won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the 23rd Asian Masters Athletics Championship, held at Chennai from Nov. 5 to Nov. 9, at Hotel Guru Residency on JLB road in the city recently. MDMAA President Suman Narasimhamurthy was also honoured. The Medal winners felicitated were:

1. Balarame Gowda, who won Gold Medal in 4x100 mts relay Race, Silver Medal in 100 mts run under Men's 75+ category.

2. Bharathi, who won Bronze Medal in Hammer Throw under Women's 75+ category

3. Manjamma, who won Gold in 4x100 mts relay under Women's 70+ category

4. B.C. Parvathi, who won Bronze Medal in Walking race under Women's 65+ category

5. Kusuma, who won Silver Medal in 800 mts run under Women's 45+ category

6. G.G. Raghunandhan, who won Gold Medal in 400 mts run and 800 mts run under Men's 40+ category.

BRIC Superbike Championship - 2025

Tasmai Cariappa crowned Champion of the Year

Tasmai Cariappa** (sitting) **seen with his AVRP Racing Team members after winning the championship in the SP 400CC category at the BRIC Superbikes Championship held at Chang International Circuit in Buriram, Thailand, yesterday.

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (VNS) - City's motorsport enthusiast Tasmai Cariappa, representing Team AVRP Racing Team at the recently concluded BRIC Superbikes Championship held at Chang International Circuit in Buriram, Thailand was crowned as the Champion of the Year in the SP 400 CC category. He also became the first ever Indian to win the championship in the SP 400 cc category. Among the total five races from four rounds, Tasmai had podium finishes in all five races apart from emerging victorious in two races and finishing third in the other two races securing a total of 81 points to emerge as the champion. He is being mentored and coached by Aeyy Vorapong, a well-known motorsport enthusiast.

A resident of Kuvempunagar in Mysuru, Tasmai is the son of Dr. Monnanda Nalini Somaiah, Professor, Department of Studies in Botany, University of Mysore, Manasagangothri.

Tasmai Cariappa taking the victory lap at Chang International Circuit in Thailand on his Kawasaki Ninja Superbike.

Mysuru Women Home Guards bag overall prize

Mysuru, Nov. 24- Women Home Guards of Mysuru district have bagged overall prize for the second straight time at the South Zone Home Guards Professional Sports Meet held at Srirangapatna Taluk Stadium recently. Men Home Guards, secured second place in the Men's category.

Women Home Guards of Mysuru won the first prize in Rifle shooting, Tug of War and 400 mts. Relay events, thus bagging the overall prize. The Men Home Guards came first in 800 Mts. Relay events and second in Rifle shooting, Volleyball and 400 mts. Relay. Both the Men and Women Home guards qualified for the State-level event held at Bangalore University stadium from Nov. 17.

More than 250 Home Guards from Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts, comprising South Zone, took part in the event.

Addl. Superintendent of Police (Addl. SP) Mallik, District also Home Guards Commandant, has congratulated them.

Four-day centenary fete of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram

A century of shaping minds, lauds Minister Somanna

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (PM&BCT)- Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna observed that the Ramakrishna Ashram has long served as a unique source of inspiration and moral strength for the nation.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the 'Literary Service' session, organised as part of the centenary celebrations of the Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram, held at the Vivekananda Auditorium in the Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala premises last evening.

Somanna noted that the Ashram has been engaged in the noble mission of shaping youth into virtuous citizens through the spiritual teachings of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, the messages of Sri Sarada Devi and the ideals of Swami Vivekananda.

Its contributions to education, environmental conservation and rural development, he said, have significantly supported the progress of the State. The Ashram spreads empowering ideas that transcend caste, creed and community, reaching even the most marginalised sections, he said.

Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna addressing the gathering on the penultimate day of the 4-day centenary celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram in city last evening as former VC Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, RK Ashram Swamijis, senior writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK), Dr. K. Krishnamurthy Research Foundation Founder-Director Dr. K. Leela Prakash, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and former MP Prathap Simha look on.

Founded in 1925

Recalling the Ashram's history, he said it was founded in 1925 by Swami Siddheswaranandaji with the support of the Mysore Wadiyars. Students of the Ashram's educational institutions have grown into disciplined individuals of strong character, excelling in various fields and upholding responsible citizenship.

Rashtrakavi Kuvempu studied at the Ashram for 14 years. Former Chief Minister and Union Minister S.M. Krishna was also a student here. G.S. Shivarudrappa, eminent economist Dr. D.M. Nanjundappa and literary stalwarts Prof. Prabhushankar and Prof. Prabhupasad were among the many luminaries nurtured by the institution.

Somanna expressed confidence that the Viveka Memorial, under construction in Mysuru, would be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, noting that the Ashram's ideals have deeply influenced national leadership.

Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji had wished for the Memorial to be opened by the Prime Minister's auspicious hands and Somanna affirmed, "He will certainly come."

Bringing light to others

Former MP Prathap Simha, in his address, said that the very atmosphere of the Ashram resonates with the thought of Swami Vivekananda and students here imbibe the ideals of Vivekananda and Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa every day. He reflected:

"Srinivasa Ramanujan cannot be separated from mathematics; he lived only 32 years. Swami Vivekananda lived only 39 years. Adi Shankaracharya revived Hinduism, while Vivekananda carried its greatness and broad vision to the world."

Simha added, "Even if we live a short life, we must shine and bring light to others. What matters is not how long we live but how well. Though Shankaracharya lived only 32 years, he travelled the length and breadth of the country and was responsible for the revival of Hinduism."

The event also honoured several writers and scholars. Those present included Swami Nityasthanandaji, President of the Ramakrishna Mutt, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru; MLA T.S. Srivatsa; senior writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK); former Kuvempu University VC Dr. Chidananda Gowda; Dr. K. Krishnamurthy Research Foundation Founder-Director Dr. K. Leela Prakash; Mysuru RK Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji; former President Swami Atmajnanandaji, among others.

SITTING FROM LEFT: *H. Lakshminarasimha Shastry, Author, Mysuru, Dr. K. Anantharamu, retd. Kannada Professor, Mysuru, Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Mysuru, R. Parthasarathy, Mayur Graphics, Bengaluru, Dr. H.N. Muralidhara, retd. Kannada Professor, Bengaluru and Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK), noted littérateur, Mysuru, who were honoured at Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram in city yesterday, are seen with RK Ashram Swamijis; Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, former VC, Kuvempu University; Dr. T.C. Poornima, writer & Administrative Officer, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru; and Dr. K. Leela Prakash, Founder-Director, Dr. K. Krishnamurthy Research Foundation, Mysuru.*

'Swami Vivekananda's vision is India's roadmap'

Mysuru, Nov. 24 (PM&BCT)- Addressing the centenary celebrations of RK Ashram last evening, Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya called upon India's youth to embrace the adventurous spirit, dynamism and expansive vision of Swami Vivekananda.

Surya said, Swami Vivekananda's teachings remain timeless, offering solutions to both personal and national challenges. "Even today, his words inspire us. The youth must strengthen their capabilities while opening themselves to spiritual thought," he noted.

Highlighting Swamiji's transformative achievements, Surya urged young people to emulate his path to help India emerge as a true Vishwaguru (world teacher).

Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya addressing the gathering at Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram in city yesterday as noted orator Chakravarty Sulibele looks on.

He stressed the need for establishing hundreds of new institutions and pointed out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has earmarked Rs. 1 lakh crore for research, underscoring the Government's commitment to innovation and knowledge-building.

He observed that the Mysuru Ashram has carried Swamiji's message to generations of students through an education rooted in values, discipline and service. Students shaped here have gone on to serve society in multiple ways, reflecting the Ashram's lasting impact over the decades.

Recalling Vivekananda's message that "the future of India lies in the youth," Surya said that the Swamiji's teachings continue to motivate young Indians to act with purpose and put people first.

He concluded that Vivekananda's legacy will continue to guide and inspire the nation for generations to come.

Noted orator Chakravarty Sulibele too spoke on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Eccentric

Pronunciation: ik-SEN-trik (adjective).
Meaning: Eccentric usually describes people and things that deviate from conventional or accepted usage or behavior, especially in odd or whimsical ways. It is also used technically to mean "deviating from a circular path" and "located elsewhere than at the geometric center."
Origin: Eccentric was originally a technical term at home in the fields of geometry and astronomy. It comes from the Medieval Latin adjective ecentricus, meaning "not having the earth at its center," and ultimately has its root in a Greek noun, kéntron, whose various meanings include "stationary point of a pair of compasses" and "midpoint of a circle or sphere." But its figurative use is long-established too: as far back as the 17th century the word has been used to describe people and things that deviate from what is conventional, usual or accepted.
Example: "The film [Annie Hall] is considered one of the great romantic comedies of all time, with [Diane] Keaton's eccentric, self-deprecating Annie at its heart." —Eva Roytburg, Fortune, 11 Oct. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Ecaudate

Tailless.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

For peanuts

Meaning: The phrase 'For peanuts' means to do something for very little or no pay.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'For peanuts' is credited to a Mr. Harry Mozley Stevens, who is often called the father of sports food service. An immigrant from England, Mr. Stevens began selling peanuts in 1895, when a peanut company called Cavanaros paid for advertising in the New York Giants game programs with peanuts, which Mr. Stevens would then sell to hungry fans. Mr. Stevens liked to jokingly state that he was "working for peanuts."
Example: "The students had very little money and were willing to work for peanuts."

QUOTE BOX

God gives the nuts, but he does not crack them. **—Franz Kafka**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

"Point"

Answer: Talking point.

SUDOKU

				8				
5			6		7			8
	3						2	
4		3		1		2		5
		5				9		
1		6		7		3		4
	4						6	
8			3		1			7
				9				

Answer to previous puzzle

3	2	6	9	8	7	5	4	1
7	1	8	5	2	4	3	6	9
9	5	4	3	1	6	8	7	2
2	6	3	7	9	1	4	5	8
5	7	1	2	4	8	6	9	3
8	4	9	6	3	5	1	2	7
1	3	7	4	5	2	9	8	6
6	8	5	1	7	9	2	3	4
4	9	2	8	6	3	7	1	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 East Indian shrub
4 S. American city __ Paolo
7 VCR button
10 It fits to _ ___ (it fits perfectly) (1,3)
11 Wed successor
12 Working (2,2)
14 Supplier of provisions
16 Barely
17 Palestine Liberation Organization, in short ?
18 East Anglian city
19 Jumps rope?
20 Biblical high priest
21 Fur scarf
22 ___ de mer or seasickness?
24 Stick around, don't move (4,3)
28 Taxi in America ?
29 Put or kept out of sight
30 Only's partner
31 Difficulty
33 Grease
34 Method
35 Comparative ending ?
37 Unnatural
40 Tattoos informally
41 Simile centre (2,1)
44 __ __ time : never? (2,2)
45 Noticed
47 Polynesian palm tree with edible roots
48 Medium Earth Orbit, abbr.
49 Britney Spears' "___! ... I Did It Again"
50 Apollo vehicle
51 Even (poet.)
52 It can move mountains

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	A	U	L		M	A	I		M	E	D	O
A	N	N	E		A	T	N		A	T	E	E
C	U	B	E		R	A	F		T	U	R	N
A	P	I		E	X	P	L	E	T	I	V	E
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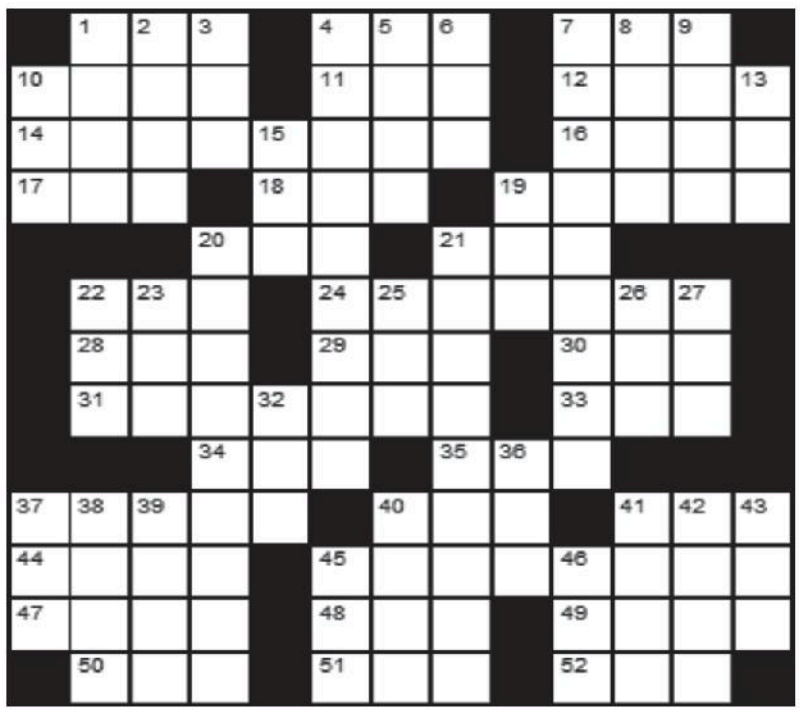
M	U	S	H	R	O	O	M	S		A	L	I
O	R	E	S		N	A	E		I	V	A	N
B	U	D		Y	A	R	D	S	T	I	C	K
			I	A	N			U	S	A		
T	R	A	C	K	D	O	W	N		T	E	T
B	O	N	O		O	L	E		S	I	L	O
A	M	E	N		F	E	D		O	N	A	M
R	E	T	S		F	G	S		U	G	L	Y

DOWN

1 Wassan or Bedade of Indian cricket
2 Air (prefix)
3 Monetary unit of Bulgaria
4 Fashionably
5 Sailor's call
6 Belonging to us
7 Legendary Bollywood actor and director (3,6)
8 Needle case
9 Thin strand of hair
10 Smartphone program
13 Teletype setter, in short
15 Long fish
19 Chinese sauce
20 Leeway or latitude (5,4)
21 P V Sindhu's forte
22 Mode Control Panel
23 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
25 Make a knot
26 One as a prefix
27 Telephone - in short?
32 ___ blood : ill-feeling ?
36 Supplement with difficulty
37 Buddhist monastery
38 And others, in Latin (2,2)
39 Concerning, in legal terms - "rein" anagram ? (2,2)
40 Inst. of Elec. & Electronics Engrs.
41 Like _ ___ of bricks : rather heavily? (1,3)
42 Irish clan
43 Some promos
45 Distance Measuring Equip.
46 Child's bed



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CO REWBPVWNMFE UBLF NUKP CF NMWN NMFEF WEF NHU

SZBPG UV AFUAKF: NMUGF HMU HUES WBP NMUGF HMU

NWSF NMF LEFPZN. MF NUKP CF NU NEO NU TF ZB NMF

VZEGN REUYA; NMFEF HWG KFGG LUCAFNZNZUB NMFEF.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Men of sense often learn from their enemies. It is from their foes, not their friends, that cities learn the lesson of building high walls and ships of war.

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  Radheyaa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
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- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
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  Theeyavar Kulai Nadunga (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Mufti Police (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Mastiii 4 (H) - 3 Shows

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Mastiii 4 (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am; (S-4) 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Theeyavar Kulai Nadunga (Ta)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
Sisu: Road to Revenge (E)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 6.15 pm, 8.20 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	(S-1)	10.25 pm
Eko (Ma)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Radheyaa (K)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Congratulations Brother (K)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
I Am God (K)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Premante (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
120 Bahadur (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 7.05 pm
Wicked for Good (E-3D)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 4.10 pm
12A Railway Colony (Te)	(S-3)	10 pm
Maarutha (K)	(S-4)	10 am, 4.05 pm
The Task (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm

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Radheyaa (K)	:	1 pm, 4.25 pm
Maarutha (K)	:	1.15 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Brat (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	1.30 pm
Congratulations Brother (K)	:	3.20 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	:	6.15 pm, 9.35 pm
Theeyavar Kulai Nadunga (Ta)	:	7 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Mastiii 4 (H)	:	9.25 am, 1.20 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Sisu: Road to Revenge (E)	:	10.05 am, 3.05 pm, 8.05 pm
Maarutha (K)	:	10.10 am, 12.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Radheyaa (K)	:	10.20 am, 4.05 pm, 10.20 pm
120 Bahadur (H)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40, 7.35, 10.30 pm
Wicked: For Good (E-3D)	:	12.10 pm, 5.10 pm, 10.10 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	12.25 pm
Full Meals (K)	:	1.30 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	:	3.30 pm
Congratulations Brother (K)	:	4.20 pm
The Task (K)	:	4.20 pm
Brat (K)	:	7.10 pm
Now You See Me: Now You Don't (E)	:	7.10 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	9.40 pm
Mask (2025) (Ta)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Sisu: Road to Revenge (E)	:	9.45 am, 5.25 pm
Maarutha (K)	:	10.15 am, 4.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Mastiii 4 (H)	:	10.30 am, 2.25 pm, 7.30 pm
120 Bahadur (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.35 pm, 4.30, 7.25, 10.20 pm
Radheyaa (K)	:	11.50 am, 7.45 pm
Brat (K)	:	1.25 pm
Raju Weds Rambai (Te)	:	1.35 pm
Middle Class (Ta)	:	4.40 pm
Full Meals (K)	:	7.20 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	:	10.20 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 24)

- **Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram, Yadavagiri:** Concluding day of 4-day centenary celebrations of RK Ashram, Golden Jubilee of Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE); Viveka Gatha - A multimedia cultural programme on the making of Vivekananda and his inspiring message, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar chief guest, Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi guest of honour, RK Vidyashala premises, Yadavagiri, **5.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Parampare:** Bharatada Samvidhana - Special Lectures, former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan (Janni) and troupe will render patriotic songs, Sri Veereshanananda Saraswati Swamiji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Tumakuru, delivers talk on 'Abhivyakta Swatantrya,' Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC):** 41st edition of Vasundharotsava 2025, Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Vaishnavi (Bengaluru), **6 pm;** Mohiniyattam by Vidu. Chitra Sukamaran (Kerala), **6.45 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Karnataka Kalashree Vidu. Rajashree Shenoy and Karnataka Kalashree Vidu. Sharadamani Shekar (Mangaluru), Rotary Club of Mysore North President Rtn. PHF M. Chandrashekar and Secretary Rtn. PHF A.P. Virupaksha guests of honour, Vasundhara Bhavan, Kalandhika Academy, Saraswathipuram, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 25)

- **Marimallappa's Educational Institute - Marimallappa's PU College:** Punyasmarane Inter-Collegiate Competitions — Kannada Debate and Bhavageete Competitions, Girls Throwball and Boys Kho-Kho Tournament, **9.30 am;** Prize Distribution Ceremony, College premises, Sita Vilas Road, **2.30 pm.**
- **Malabar Gold & Diamonds:** Bridal Jewellery show, B.N. Road, near KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus stand, **10 am onwards.**
- **Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Training, Research and Extension Centre, Bengaluru:** Constitution Day celebrations, Essay and Elocution Competitions, Cauvery Auditorium, KSOU premises, Mukthagangothri, **11 am.**
- **Parampare:** Bharatada Samvidhana - Special Lectures, patriotic songs by Vidu. Mahalakshmi; Karnataka High Court Judge Justice V. Srishananda delivers talk on 'Samvidhanada Peetikeya Mahatva,' Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC):** 41st edition of Vasundharotsava 2025, Bharatanatyam by Tanvi Oza (Australia), **6 pm;** Odissi by Vidu. Sahana Maiya, **6.45 pm;** Kuchipudi by Natyacharya Dr. Vasanth Kiran; Nrityalaya Director Vidu. Dr. Guru Tulasi Ramachandra guest of honour, Vasundhara Bhavan, Kalandhika Academy, Saraswathipuram, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

120 Bahadur (H)	:	9.40 am, 1.30 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
12A Railway Colony (Te)	:	10.30 am
Maarutha (K)	:	10.30 am, 4.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Mastiii 4 (H)	:	10.30 am, 4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sisu: Road To Revenge (E)	:	12.30 pm, 5.30 pm
Full Meals (K)	:	1.30 pm
Radheyaa (K)	:	1.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Wicked: For Good (E-3D)	:	2.35 pm, 7.35 pm
De De Pyaar De 2 (H)	:	4.20 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Brat (K)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Mastiii 4 (H)	:	9.50 am, 1.25 pm, 7.20 pm
Sisu: Road to Revenge (E)	:	10.10 am, 3.10 pm, 8.25 pm
120 Bahadur (H)	:	10.30 am, 4.25 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Radheyaa (K)	:	10.30 am, 4 pm
Kodama Simham (Te)	:	12.15 pm
Maarutha (K)	:	12.50 pm, 5.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Friends (Ta)	:	1.05 pm
Congratulations Brother (K)	:	4.30 pm
Full Meals (K)	:	7.20 pm
Eko (Ma)	:	10.10 pm
Vilayath Budha (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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Theatre training for children

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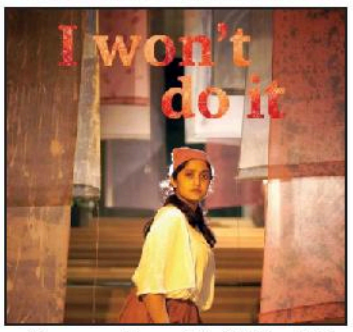
Classes will be held from 5.30 pm to 8 pm on Saturdays and 10.30 am to 2 pm on Sundays.

For details, call Rangashale Founder-Secretary Chandru Mandya on Mob: 86601-03141.

Living art installation and play on Nov. 30



Mysuru, Nov. 24- *'I Won't Do It,'* a pioneering theatre production by the ColorAshram Foundation that merges ecological storytelling with powerful historical drama, will be presented at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar on Nov. 30 from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Namrata Bhutoria has directed the play. Inspired by Valentin Rasputin's *Live and Remember,* the play is set in a Siberian village during WWII, following a deserter and his wife as they navigate love, loyalty and the cost of saying "No" to a regime demanding blind obedience.

Living Art Installation: Uniquely, this production is also a visual statement on regeneration. Every costume, prop and set piece is created entirely from plant-based and mineral natural dyes. The stage itself breathes, symbolising beauty and resistance beyond fossil fuels.

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